

hundred and eighty-five, to make final settlement and payment of the taxes due to the said county for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

When to expire.

SEC. 5. That the authority hereby given to collect arrears of taxes shall cease and determine on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be in force from its ratification.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 14th day of February, A. D. 1885.

## CHAPTER 63.

An act to establish a criminal circuit to be composed of the counties of New Hanover and Mecklenburg.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

Criminal courts established in Mecklenburg and New Hanover counties.

When held.

To have powers of courts of record.

Exclusive jurisdiction of all crimes in said counties like superior courts.

SECTION 1. That courts of record to be called "The Criminal Court of New Hanover county" and "The Criminal Court of Mecklenburg county" respectively, are hereby established. The criminal court of New Hanover county shall be held in the city of Wilmington, in said county of New Hanover, and the criminal court of Mecklenburg county shall be held in the city of Charlotte, in said county of Mecklenburg.

SEC. 2. That the said courts respectively, hereby established, shall possess all the powers, perform all the duties and be subject to all the restrictions of a court of record, according to the laws of this state.

SEC. 3. That the said criminal courts shall have exclusive original jurisdiction to inquire of, hear, try and determine all crimes, misdemeanors and offenses, committed within the counties of New Hanover and Meck-